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25X1A9a Dear [REDACTED]

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This will acknowledge receipt of and partially answer [REDACTED] letter of 8 November dealing with a miscellany of subjects. I regret the delay in this answer but we have been giving considerable thought to some of the points raised.

We here in Washington heartily concur in your efforts to improve the appearance of the station area by landscaping and generally cleaning up. I think that anything that we can do within reason to make the area more attractive will contribute considerably to good morale.

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I appreciate the scarcity of office space and wish to assure you that your problem is not unique. Shortage of space seems to be a chronic complaint of all our [REDACTED] as well as the Departmental Office. The steps outlined in the 8 November letter seem reasonable and we hope that this will substantially improve your position.

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Under separate cover we are mailing to you a memorandum reference housing for the [REDACTED]. We will present our thinking on this subject and ask you for your detailed recommendations. Meanwhile, I would like to give you just a few points that we are considering.

1. We do not anticipate building additional housing until Fiscal Year 1953. We will budget for it for that year next spring.

2. In view of the present ban on dependents, it does not seem worth while to substantially increase the family quarters at this time. If the ban is lifted at a later date we will, of course, expedite measures to provide adequate housing for your married staff.

3. We feel it is absolutely imperative that you take every measure to insure that the present quarters are properly maintained. I need not elaborate on this since I am sure you are well aware of this necessity.

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I have requested that future overseas contracts for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] be reduced to one year and that employment agreements for foreign nationals be reduced similarly. If this is approved, it will allow us to arrange for adequate staffing at these two "no dependents" stations. If we can we will, of course, provide bachelor personnel during the dependents ban, but if the worst comes to the worst I believe we can find some married personnel who would be willing to undergo separation from their families for one year.

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In addition to the above I find, through an examination of foreign service allowance regulations, that if the Director so authorizes, [REDACTED] may be considered separation allowance posts. If you have a copy of these regulations you will see what that means. Briefly it provides a considerable sum of money for the maintenance of a family in the United States while the employee is stationed abroad. This should further facilitate adequate staffing at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is presently attempting to have your administrative assistant position up-graded. We will keep you advised of the outcome. If we are successful in having this position reclassified and [REDACTED] desires to remain in [REDACTED] for another term, you may at your discretion put him in for promotion. If [REDACTED] family is to remain, I would think that another two-year contract would be desirable. I will appreciate your thinking on this subject.

If there are any questions concerning any of the above points, please communicate with us as soon as possible since the urgency of settling these matters increases daily.

Sincerely,

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